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VIRULENT SMALLPOX AT DOUGLAS, ARIZ.

Acting Asst. Surg. Edward W. Adamson has reported that an outbreak of smallpox began in Douglas, Ariz., in May. The date of the first case is given as May 21. Up to June 25 there had been reported 46 cases with 10 deaths. The virulence of the infection is shown by the fact that a considerable number of cases were in persons giving a history of previous successful vaccination and possessing what appeared to be good vaccination scars. The disease, however, ran a mild course in most of the cases having vaccination scars.

POLIOMYELITIS REPORTED IN OHIO.

Mr. Jas. E. Bauman, Secretary of the Ohio State Board of Health, reported July 5 that there were 11 cases of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) at Martins Ferry and 6 cases in Tease Township, both in Belmont County, Ohio.

OUTBREAK OF DYSENTERY, ARKANSAS.

Passed Asst. Surg. Preble reports that there is an outbreak of what appears to be bacillary dysentery in Mississippi County, Ark. Many fatalities have occurred, but owing to the absence of records of cases and also of the registration of deaths, the extent of the outbreak has not as yet been ascertained. The outbreak seems widely scattered and to have numerous foci. According to unofficial reports and items in the newspapers, there have been many cases also in Poinsett County, Ark., and in Dunklin and Scott Counties, Mo. The local undertakers' records indicate that there were 40 deaths during May and June in the town of Blytheville and the neighboring communities. It is probable that there have been at least 400 cases in Mississippi County. Most of the cases have been in children under 5 years of age.

It is reported locally that similar outbreaks have occurred in past years but have been less severe and caused little attention. The outbreak this year is looked upon as being unusually virulent. The fatality rate appears to be about 7 per cent. The present outbreaks are being investigated.